

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 2, 2015, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Hackney, Searcy and Holley, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, City Secretary Batchler, Director of Finance Welch, Chief Aycock and ED Coordinator Nelson.

Commissioners Salik, Frazier, and Walker were not in attendance.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Searcy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Thomas.

ROLL CALL to determine the presence of a quorum: The City Secretary called the roll and determined that a quorum was present.

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 20, 2015, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Searcy and seconded by Commissioner Holley with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the January 20, 2015, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Searcy. Seconded by Commissioner Hackney with all members present voting AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measures carried.

FIRST READINGS

ORDINANCE 15-02-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS INDUSTRIAL TAX ABATEMENT DISTRICT (ZONE) NO. 54 (DAKOTA DRILLING) WITHIN THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS; ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TAX ABATEMENT DISTRICT (REINVESTMENT ZONE); AUTHORIZING A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DAKOTA DRILLING; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. regarding the establishment of Tax Abatement District #54 and authorizing a seven (7) year tax abatement retaining fifty (50) jobs and adding an additional fifteen (15) in Ennis, for Dakota Drilling who will be investing at least \$700,000. The Mayor asked for public comment. There was none and the public hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioner Holley moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt Ordinance 15-02-05 on first reading of the Ordinance designating an Industrial Tax Abatement District No. 54 and its boundaries and authorizing a tax abatement agreement with Dakota Drilling. Commissioner Hackney seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 4-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

ORDINANCE 15-02-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS INDUSTRIAL TAX ABATEMENT DISTRICT (ZONE) NO. 55 (ENNIS STEEL) WITHIN THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS; ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TAX ABATEMENT DISTRICT (REINVESTMENT ZONE); AUTHORIZING A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ENNIS STEEL; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. regarding Ennis Steel expanding providing twenty-five (25) additional jobs and an investment of \$8.2 million dollars. The Mayor requested public comment and there was none. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Commissioner Searcy moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt on first reading Ordinance 15-02-06 establishing Industrial Tax Abatement District No. 55 and its boundaries, and authorizing a tax abatement agreement with Ennis Steel. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 4-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 15-02-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE INHOUSE REPAIR CENTER AGREEMENT WITH SCOTT HEALTH & SAFETY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Holley moved to approve the Resolution 15-02-01 approving the terms and conditions of the agreement with Scott Health & Safety. Commissioner Hackney seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 4-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-02-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, DESIGNATING THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR ALL CITY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORY BANK AND ANY OTHER INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY IN THE TRANSACTION OF THE CITY'S FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Commissioner Hackney moved to approve Resolution 15-02-02 designating the City Manager, Director of Finance, City Secretary and Controller to perform the duties as authorized signatories for vouchers, checks, drafts, certificates of deposit, orders for release or exchange of securities held as collateral for the City's funds on deposit with the depository banks and other instruments necessary in transaction for the City's financial affairs. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 4-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-02-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS APPROVING A PURCHASING POLICY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY, INCORPORATING FEDERAL AND STATE LAW AND INCORPORATING POLICIES FOR PURCHASING CARDS AND VENDOR DISQUALIFICATION.

The resolution will establish a purchasing policy manual governing standard of conduct, no personal purchases or use of city property, surplus property, credit card policy, P-cards, vendors on Federal Excluded Parties List, purchase limits, Historically Underutilized Businesses, competitive bidding and additional policy.

Commissioner Hackney moved to approve Resolution 15-02-03 approving a Purchasing Policy and Asset Management Policy for the City as herein attached to the resolution and minutes. Commissioner Searcy seconded and all members in attendance vote AYE. 4-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-02-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR DAKOTA DRILLING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.

Commissioner Holley moved to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the economic development agreement with Dakota Drilling that is before us tonight. Commissioner Searcy seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 4-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

No action was taken.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Searcy requested that the City Commission be informed about incidents in the city in a more timely manner. Commissioner Hackney asked that the police officers are kept in our prayers as they go through this trying time. Mayor Thomas thanked EISD Board Trustee Walter Beasley, Chamber of Commerce President Jeanette Patak, and all that are in attendance for being here this evening.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

